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PENDING DUES OF INDIAN PEACE KEEPERS TOWARDS UNO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UNO owes 40 million US$ on account of deployment of Indian Peace Keeping Force in various countries as per the reported statement of the Army Chief;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the time by which the settlement is pending; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to recover the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The UNO owes around US$ 42.59 million to India as on 31-1-2001, on account of contributions to various UN Peace-Keeping Missions abroad. The exact amount of dues receivable is under negotiation.

(b) An amount of US$ 20.02 million is due from the UNO on account of contributions to old missions viz.UNOSOM (Somalia), UNTAC (Cambodia) and UNAMIR (Rwanda).These dues stand acknowledged by the UN on various dates between February 1997 and December 1999, but payments are awaited. The balance of the dues relate to contributions to current UN missions viz. UNIFIL (Lebanon) and UNAMSIL (Sierra Leone) on account of troops cost and reimbursements for major / minoequipments, of which US$ 20.18 million is on account of troops cost for UNAMSIL contributions, pending since September, 2000.

(c) Government have been constantly pursuing the UN through the Permanent Mission as well as Ministry level delegations, for the release of the dues. While Government have been receiving reimbursement of troops cost regularly, the reimbursement on account of contingent owned equipment deployed in past missions (including those liquidated) as well as current missions have been held up due to the UN not receiving contributions from certain Member States and on account of delay in finalising the applicable reimbursement rates.